



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting April 10, 2006

Meeting Summary

Attendees: Arnie Tomac, Duane Nakano, John Hammersmith, Glenn Eades, Bertha Eades, Michael Grissafi, Dave Alm, Rick Lowthian

City Staff: Jeff Churchill, Jeanne Justice, Joel Pfundt

1. DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING

Jeff Churchill, Planning Intern in the Planning Department presented a status update on the Downtown Wayfinding project. The purpose of the project is to help make downtown a more pedestrian and bike friendly place by providing wayfinding. One example of this is the Sammamish River trail where bicyclist, walkers, runners and inline skaters passing through town may not even know Downtown Redmond is there and the many services it offers.

- Jeff passed around the hand-out from February along with sheets that should various wayfinding concepts that integrated the following elements:
 - Ability to designate districts in downtown
 - Variety of sizes
 - Ability to include different logos, for example Riverwalk
- The ultimate goal of the project is to agree on a design and install some the wayfinding items a key locations
- The committee asked about opportunities for public input. Providing some examples and getting input in Focus on Redmond was suggested. The committee did not think that an independent meeting would be effective.
- Committee members that that including a map at some locations is a good idea
- Jeff said that there would be some design alternatives prepared this spring
- Committee asked if this item should be added to the TIP. Staff will look into this and see if it is appropriate.
- Some members thought that simplicity might be better and suggested avoiding the “Disneyland” style old town sign shown
- Some of the design issues that the committee identified for consideration were:
 - Should catch your eye
 - Downtown visibility
 - Lighting, reflectivity
 - Big enough lettering and information to draw attention, then provide more detail if you stop

- Color coding of routes and function
 - Reproducible, flexible, affordable
 - Visually impaired needs (ADA)
- Potential funding sources were discussed
 - Bike Program and Sidewalk Program
 - Business Tax
- PBAC would like to support this, some suggestions were:
 - Letter of support
 - Recommend funding from programs

NE 85 STREET/164 AVENUE NE

Jeanne Justice, Project Engineer in the Public Works Department came to present the alternatives that have been developed for the NE 85th St and 164th Ave NE 4-to-3 lane rechannelization project. The purpose of this project is to convert these two streets from 2 through lanes in each direction to 1 through lane in each direction with a center turn lane. This results in the streets operating basically the same as they do to day for through vehicles while allowing the existing curb-to-curb to be used much more efficiently. The project will add bike lanes to 164th Ave NE. It will add improvements to make the post office work better, on-street parking and loading zones to NE 85th St. Jeanne presented the following information and received the following comments from the committee:

NE 85th St between 154th Ave NE and 158th Ave NE – 2 options

- Option 1 should still have some type of gateway feature and was preferred by most of the committee
- Concern about doors from parallel parked cars and conflicts with bikes in the bike lanes
- Committee suggested that slowing of vehicle speeds is a benefit of this project making it easier and more safe to bike in the corridor
- 5' bike lane would be better than 4'
- Consider access from 85th to unpaved path on west side of Sammamish River

NE 85th St between 158th Ave NE and 160th Ave NE – 3 options

- Shelter of transit riders important
- Don't like Option 2
- Some committee members liked both option 1 and 3. It was discussed that the transit stop in front of the library is very popular and wherever it is should have a nice waiting environment.

NE 85th St between 160th Ave NE and 166th Ave NE

- Find way to clearly designate that eastbound between 160th and 161st is a bike lane. Some suggestions for doing this were:
 - Strip more sections with bike lanes
 - Use a dashed stripe to identify the curb side of the bike lane if necessary
 - Use some sort of larger bicycle pavement marking to identify that the lane is for bikes

- Use some of these suggestions to do something similar along the rest of the corridor in the places that have gaps in the bike lane.
- There was some concern raised about how safe the modified corridor would be for bicyclists, but in general the committee was supportive of the modifications and felt like the revisions provided a better overall environment for cyclists.
- It was pointed out that whatever is done the markings need to be consistent so everyone (bikes, cars, pedestrians) know where they should be

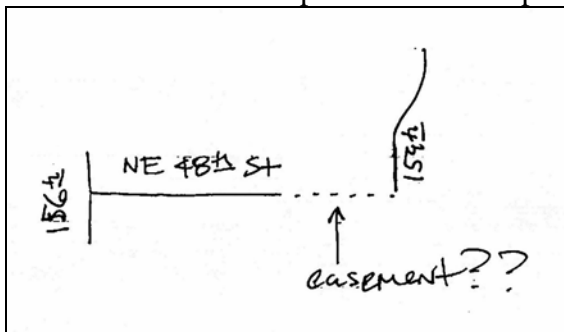
164th Ave NE between NE 80th St and NE 87th St

- The committee identified this as a very important project and strongly supported the addition of bike lanes to this corridor.

Overall the committee offered their support for the rechannelization of both corridors.

TRAIL INVENTORY

- Community Connections work program item should include mapping of trails project
- Grass lawn field trip did not uncover any new community connections that should be looked at
- The community connections from 151st & 150th Ave NE are too expensive because of steep grade issues
- Next meeting
 - Prioritized list of community connections (5 or 6 or?) and provide pictures of these connections
 - 5-year sidewalk and bike plans
- One new potential trail connection (shown below) was identified and staff will research if this has potential to be explored further



ACTION ITEM

- Bertha requested an e-mail contact list be sent out to the group
- Michael requested a Trail Master Plan map
- Send postcard invitation to May 5 & 6 Overlake Design Workshop to PBAC